

Ashe Baptist Association News



April

2021

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Preacher David's Corner

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"Welcome Spring!"

Genesis 8:22 - 'While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease'. Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". I, for one, eagerly await **Spring**. I love the change and all that God reveals in each season but **Spring** is very special to me. The warm temperatures, birds chipping, opening of buds to grow and the grass turning green helps me to shake off Winters dreariest times. I see God in all of this! His faithfulness is available to us at all times, if we look for it. From the pen of the great King of Israel, King Solomon, we have what we call the book of Proverbs. King Solomon is great because he loved the Lord and walked in the statues of his Father, King David. He was great too, because when the Lord appeared to him at Gibeon in a dream to grant unto him the wish of his heart, he asked for wisdom and an understanding heart that he might be able to govern God's people discerning the difference between what is right and what is wrong. He did not ask for riches or a long life. **Spring** can be a beginning for us to renew our time with God. A time to feel His presence and to begin to really talk with Him and start a new season with Him. What will God have you do that you are not doing today? The warmth of His closeness helps us to relax and seek Him listening for your instructions. A quick look at nature let's us see God at work. Flowers and grass grow. Why can we not grow as well? The beauty of flower blooms help us realize that we can bloom as well into God's perfect design. To be Christ like is the perfect picture. Jeremiah 6:16 teaches us to "stand in the ways and see and ask for the old paths, where is the good way and walk therein and ye shall find rest for your souls". If we do what is right and good in the sight of the Lord, it will be well with us. Teaching, training and raising our children and grand children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord works. We need to spring ahead and do this always! Now that **Spring** has come we can begin to do those things that is the work of Christ. The very foundation of every successful endeavor of Southern Baptist across all years of our history has been the teaching and preaching of Jesus Christ. **Spring** planting will see that some of the seeds will fall by the way, some will fall on stony ground, some will fall among the thorns, but some will fall on good ground. It will yield an increase, some thirty, some sixty, and some a hundred fold! I am saved, my wife is saved, my son and daughter are saved because someone sowed the seed. That is how you were saved as well! This **Spring** may we sow the seed! Hopefully COVID -19 is becoming less of a problem and we can have somewhat of a normal life this **Spring**. Still being safe but spreading the seed as we move inch by inch, and foot by foot. Slowly and gradually over a period of time we can return to Church Worship, Sunday School and yes even pot luck suppers. The seed is sown in many ways. Jesus said in Matthew 5:10 "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven". Different folks sow the seed in different ways. It is the same seed of Jesus Christ! **Spring** is here, it is time for all of us to sow the word. Will you sow the seed this **Spring**? Will you see folks bloom and grow in the Lord? Whether you are in the home, the store, the market place or the factory, sow the seed. Don't let satan cheat you out of God's work. Sow like never before. It is not too late but it is very late!

Your Servant, David



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Psalm 123:1

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Lift up our eyes, lift up our praise to God the creator of all things! I often wonder how those that are around us that do not trust and believe in God survive. If we only look out into the world that He has created for us to enjoy, we can see His presence.

God has blessed Ashe Really Cares in so many ways. Through His people, He has given us food, clothes and other items to share. Without the churches we could not touch those that are hurting and in need. We want to thank you for your support with "Souper Bowl" we collected 7,562 items and received \$6,210 in donations. This helps to stock our soup shelves along with other items. Thank you so much!!

Last month we had 105 families that came in to receive help with food. This touched 255 individuals. We had 173 families to come in needing clothing. We also had 4 new families to come in needing food.

With Covid being here a year now our normal is not the normal we know. Churches have pitched in to help ensure that we have food to meet the needs. Second Harvest Bank has been able to get more food also. They have been able to send us emergency food boxes which has helped to stock our shelves. We were inspected by Second Harvest and also the USDA last month to check records, temps on the refrigerators, freezers and how food was stored. I thank each volunteer that helps keep the ARC in compliance with both agencies. As I often say our volunteers are the backbone of the ARC.

Thanks to each one that gives of their time to help those that are in need.

Please call if we can be of service to you. We want to share God's love with everyone. Sometimes it is a smile, a listening ear or the things that we supply families with.

Ashe Really Cares
Pat Miller, Director



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April 3	Mrs. April Norris
April 4	Mrs. Paula Miller
April 5	Mrs. Phyllis Pugh
April 6	Mrs. Trish Church
April 11	Mrs. Betty Lou Houck
April 12	Mrs. Julie Jones
April 15	Rev. & Mrs. Tom Graybeal
April 15	Rev. & Mrs. Wayne Jones
April 17	Mrs. Myra Phillips
April 18	Rev. Doug Halsey
April 19	Rev. Curtis Presnell
April 20	Rev. Steve Allen
April 23	Hope & Dan Bare
April 24	Rev. & Mrs. David Blackburn
April 24	Rev. & Mrs. John Elledge
April 27	Mrs. Amanda Halsey

Hope for the Mountains PRAYER TEAM meets weekly at 8 AM on Tuesday mornings in the sanctuary of Midway Baptist Church. We have a short devotion, share prayer requests, and gather women; all are welcome!

GOOD SOIL MINISTRY would like to remind everyone that we accept your used literature and other materials monthly at Ashe Really Cares. This literature goes out all over the world to assist in aiding those you are spiritually orphaned. We do appreciate your support with this mission work.

ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND opens April 1st! We need volunteers to help with work in the downstairs area of the Mattie Parsons Building. Call the ABA office if you and the church you attend would like to help!

THANK YOU!!!

TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS

Ashe Baptist would like to thank our sponsors for the Ashe Baptist News heard on WKSK each Saturday and on SoundCloud on the Web.

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What's New?

We want to CELEBRATE with you and share the GOOD NEWS when exciting things are happening at the church you attend! Please send articles, pictures or flyers to our e-mail address: ashebaptist@gmail.com, and we will announce on our WKSK weekly radio show, post on the events page of our website, ashebaptist.org, and on our Facebook Page, in addition to printing in this monthly newsletter publication that is posted in color on the website and mailed to 680+ folks in Ashe County, all across NC and neighboring states! **As you set dates for Special Events, Song Services, Revivals, or Speakers, let us know! You must submit articles for the Newsletter NO LATER THAN the 20th of each month in order for them to appear in the next month's newsletter publication.**

BALD MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

EASTER DRIVE- THRU

**FRIDAY, APRIL 2nd
SATURDAY, APRIL 3rd
6:30-8:30 PM**

**DISCOVER THE PASSION BEHIND THE
EASTER STORY IN THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY
DRIVE-THRU DRAMA**

**1435 Bald Mountain Road
West Jefferson, NC 28694**

Church Service Schedules During COVID-19

Appalachian Church -on Ray Taylor Rd in West Jefferson will have Worship Service 10:00 Sunday Inside, online and live streaming as well via Facebook and www.appchurch.org. On Sunday April 4, Appalachian Church will have Easter Sunrise at 7am in church parking lot. In person at 9am and 11am worship (11am will be live-streamed as well) All are invited to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, be our guest. Everyone is invited to attend by the pastor, Rev. Steve Ashley,

Bald Mountain Baptist Church - Inside Worship Service Sunday's at 10 am, On-line & Facebook. Bible Classes Monday-Friday on FB page at 7pm. Thursday, April 1st Maundy Service at 7 pm. Easter Story Drive Thru April 2 & 3- 6:30-8:30 pm. Easter Sunday April 4th-Sunrise Service at 7 am in Church Parking Lot. Pastor, Rev. John Elledge invites you to attend.

Beaver Creek Baptist Church, Mulatto Mt Road in West Jefferson-Inside Sunday School at 10:00 -Inside and Drive-In Worship at 11:00 . Drive-in attendees tune to (105.1 FM). Services also on FB and You Tube. Pastor, Rev. Johnny Goodman invites everyone to attend or watch their services.

Big Flatts Baptist Church- Inside Service 10 am for Sunday School. Worship at 11am. Drive-In Service FM 87.9 Masks are preferred. Pastor, Rev. Billy Norris and congregation invites you to attend.

Blue Ridge Baptist Church- On the Parkway- Inside Services 10 am Sunday School -11 am Worship Service. Pastor, Rev. Teddy Shatley invites you to attend.

Bristol Baptist Church- Inside Sunday School at 10 am Worship 11 am. Pastor Keith Wagoner invite you to attend.

Buffalo Baptist Church- Sunday School at 9:45 am Worship at 10:30. Easter Sunrise Service April 4, at 8 am in parking lot at Buffalo Community Center. Regular Worship at 10:30. NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday. Everyone Welcome! Pastor, Rev. Tom Graybeal invites you to attend

Calvary Baptist Church in West Jefferson-Indoor & Drive-In Services Sunday 10 am Sunday School 11 am Worship. Pastor Kirby McNeill invites everyone to attend.

Christian Unity Baptist Church- Inside Sunday Worship Service 11 am. Service live on Church FB Page & Broadcasting on 90.1 FM. Easter Sunrise Service on April 4, 7 am in church parking lot. Easter Program at 10:00 am. Worship at 11 am. Pastor Darien South invites you to attend. Covid-19 Safety Precautions taken.

Fletcher Memorial Baptist Church-Inside Sunday Worship Service and on FB at 10:30 am No Sunday School! Wednesday at 6:15 live. (Youth and College Level Services). Go to our website: www.fletchermbc.org for services and information or call the office and speak with Jean Ann. Pastors Cory and Doug Halsey invite you to attend. Masks are recommended.

Friendly Grove Baptist Church-Indoor Sunday Worship Services at 11:00. The Pastor, Rev. Kevin York invites you to attend.

Friendship Baptist Church- Drive-in Sunday Service 9:00 Bible Study-10:00 Worship. FB Live along with several adult Bible Studies and Youth Ministry via FB and Zoom. Sit in car or bring a lawn chair and be 6 feet away from your neighbor. Rev. Ken Jones pastor invites you to attend.

God's Will Baptist Church -Inside Sunday School at 10 -Worship at 11:00. Service will also be on FB. Sunday Evening musical on FB at 7 pm. Wednesday night service 7:00 inside & on-line. Everyone is invited by Pastor Homer Murdock.

Grassy Creek Baptist Church- Inside Sunday Worship Service at 11 am. Pastor David Moore invites you to attend.

Happy Trails Cowboy Church of Ashe will be meeting at Blue Ridge Dinner Theater and Events Center in Glendale Springs, Inside Sunday Service at 10:00 with Bible Study on Wednesday Night at 6:30. Social distance will be observed. Pastor, Rev. Roger Blevins invites everyone to attend.

Healing Springs Baptist Church-Sunday Inside Services 10 am, also on Facebook. Pastor Kevin Jones invites everyone to attend.

Liberty Grove Baptist Church- Inside Sunday Worship Service @ 11am. Facebook and YouTube Live continues on Sunday mornings as well. Mid-Week Bible Study: Wednesday nights @ 7pm on FACEBOOK LIVE. Pastor Toby Oliver invites you to attend.

Midway Baptist Church- (across from Walmart) will have services inside the church Sunday at 10:00 and will be livestreaming all their Sunday Services and doing Drive in Services @ 10:00 am & Wednesday Services @ 6:30 pm on their FB Page & via their website @ www.midwaybaptistnc.org, we have started Sunday School at 8:45am each week with two classes; 7th grade-adult in Fellowship Hall and K-6th in the Youth area. Past services may be watched anytime on their website. Pastor, Rev. Steve LeaShomb invites you to attend.

Mission Home Baptist Church- Indoor Sunday School 10:00 and Worship at 11:00. Services are livestreamed and on FB. Covid-19 recommendations will be in place. Pastor, Rev. Evan Moore invites you to attend.

North Beaver Baptist Church will have Sunday School—10:00 & 11:00 Worship Service Inside and on Facebook. Pastor, Rev. Rick Miller invites you to attend.

Oak Hill Baptist Church- Inside Sunday School at 10:00 - Worship at 11:00. Pastor JC Darnell invites you to attend.

Obids Baptist Church –Inside Sunday Worship Service 11 am. Easter Sunday, April 4th 7 am Easter Sunrise Service Pastor, Rev. Mark Harless & the congregation invite you to attend.

Old Fields Baptist Church– Inside & Drive-In Sunday Worship Service at 11 am. Pastor Larry Powers invites everyone to attend.

Orion Baptist Church –Indoor Services Ages 60+Worship in the sanctuary at 9:45. 11:00 Worship 60 and under in the fellowship hall. Rev. Lawrence Goodman, Pastor invites you to attend.

Phoenix Baptist Church– Inside & Drive-in Worship Service at 11:00. Pastor, Rev. Chris Taylor and congregation invites you to attend.

Pilot Mountain Baptist Church– Inside Worship Service at 11:00. Pastor, Rev. Keith Woodie invites you to attend.

Pine Swamp Baptist Church– Sunday School broadcast at 10:00 with Inside Worship Services Sunday and Drive-in service at 11:00. Pastor, Rev. Steve Viers invites you to attend. For more information call 336-846-9241 or 336-982-2459

Pleasant Home Baptist Church-Grassy Creek-Inside and Drive-in Sunday Worship Service at 11 am. Pastor, Rev. Lonnie Carpenter welcomes you to attend.

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church–Inside Sunday School at 10:15 Worship Service at 11. Masks are required. Pastor, Rev. Allen Huffman invites you to attend.

Riverview Baptist Church- Indoor Sunday School at 10 am and Worship Service at 11:00. Pastor Curtis Presnell invites everyone to attend.

Round Knob Baptist Church-Inside Sunday School 10:00 and Worship 11:00. Pastor, Rev. Keith Elledge invites you to attend.

Wagoner Baptist Church–Inside Sunday Worship Services & Drive-in on radio at 11 am. Rev. Pastor, Rev. Darrell Poole, Sr.

Warrensville Baptist Church– Inside Sunday Services at 10:00 - Drive-in Service at 10 am & on FB. Bible study each Wednesday live on FB at 7:00 pm. Website: www.warrensvilleBaptistchurch.com. Pastor Wade Huntsinger and congregation invite everyone to attend.

Welcome Home Baptist Church–Inside Service and on Facebook for Sunday and Wednesday night services. Pastor, Rev. Lonnie Jones welcomes you to attend.

NOTE: Other churches are doing Drive in Service and are on Facebook. Check with your Pastor or Deacon for information on churches not listed. Any church service is subject to change during Covid-19 so check with your contact persons if you are unsure. You can find church information on our website: www.ashebaptist.org located under RESOURCES tab.



It's that time again!
Mowing Season at the Ashe Baptist Campground

April 3rd– Orion Baptist Church
April 17th– Bald Mountain Baptist Church
May 1st –Midway Baptist Church
May 15th– Christian Unity Baptist Church
May 29th– Welcome Home Baptist Church

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Special thank you to Danny Phipps of the Healing Springs Baptist Church for bring several loads of gravel to Ashe Baptist Office Parking lot and thank you to Tim Hamby of the Mission Home Baptist Church for spreading it . We appreciate it.

Special thank you to all the churches on our 2021 Ashe Baptist Campground Mowing Schedule. We appreciate each of you for giving your time to mow the campground.

Ashe Really Cares, Director Mrs. Pat Miller thanks you for supporting the Souper Bowl this year!. Total: 7,562 items of food and \$6,210. Thank you!!!

ASHE BAPTIST CAMPGROUND OPENS APRIL 1ST! Call ABA & reserved your date!!!

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering helps to support more than 5,000 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains who serve in North America. Approximately 269 million people in North America do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ, your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering helps get the gospel to these people to difficult places where the gospel is often not welcome. Thank you for your support to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

ECUMENICAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES: The Ashe Ministerial Association (AMA) is sponsoring ONLINE Holy Week Services on Monday, March 29 through Friday, April 2nd, 2021. Each service will be streamed at 12 noon. The link to each daily service will be posted at <https://www.fbcwj.org/>. This site will also post information on how to see a replay of the services. Each service will include a Holy Week message and special music. Presenters include pastors, lay leaders, and musicians from churches across Ashe County. There will also be links to donate to an Ashe County Food Ministry if you would like support one of these ministries with a gift. In this time of social distancing, we are separated in body but invite to come together in Spirit as we celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ and worship together online. Join us!

Ashe Really Cares Quarterly Meeting is schedule to be meet at Ashe Baptist Associational Office on Tuesday, April 6th at 7:00. All Committee Members and interested folks are urged to attend.

The Executive Committee of the Ashe Baptist Association is schedule to meet on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 with the Old Fields Baptist Church for it's Quarterly Meeting. All Pastors, Committee Members and interested folks are urge to attend.

The Annual National Day of Prayer is scheduled to be held at the Ashe County Courthouse steps on Thursday, May 6th at 11 am. The theme is from 2 Corinthians 3:17. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. COVID restrictions will be in place. Please plan to attend and pray with us!

The 2021 Mother's Day Offering promotional materials will be available April 1st. You can place your order for materials by visiting <https://mothersdayoffering.org/order>. These monetary gifts to the Mother's Day Offering communicate to patients and their families that God sees, hears and responds to their needs. Thank you for giving. If you have any questions call David Blackburn, DOM at the Ashe Baptist Association. 336-846-5631.

GERMITIGATOR– Germ Mitigation & Disinfecting Services– Call Ken Glover at 828-386-7017
Email: germitigtor@gmail.com www.germitigator.com Ken attends Beaver Creek Christian Church in Beaver Creek. Check out his website. He offers discounts to churches for his professional disinfecting services.

The LOOMS

*Ladies with Open Hearts and Open Minds Seeking God thru
Bible Study, Prayer, and Fellowship*

*The LOOMS meet weekly, 11:30 am each Thursday
at the Ashe Baptist Associational office.*

204 Beaver Creek School Road West Jefferson

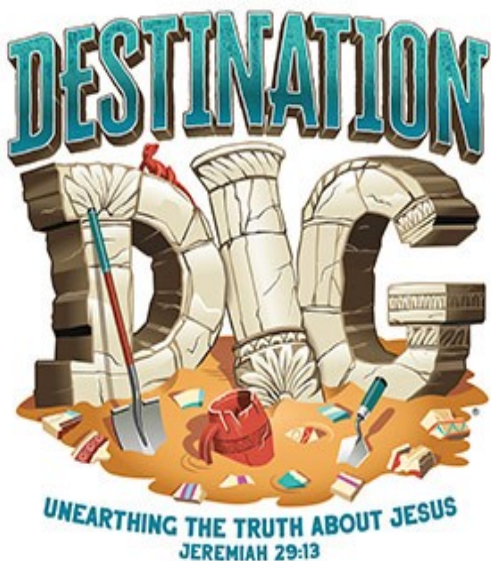
A 7-Session Study on the Prophet Elijah from Best-Selling Author Priscilla Shirer

Old Testament heroes are best known for their most celebrated moments: Moses dividing the Red Sea; David slaying Goliath; Gideon routing an insurmountable army; Joshua marching around the defiant walls of Jericho. And Elijah—calling down fire on Mount Carmel.

Study Books are available at the ABA Office and first class will be Thursday, April 1st.

Linda Blackburn your facilitator and Ellen Reedy welcome you.

To reserve your seat or further information you may contact the ABA office at: 336) 846-5631



Destination Dig - New VBS for 2021

Come see all the VBS material on display at the Ashe Baptist Associational Office!

VBS 2021 is headed to present-day Israel where discovery awaits at Destination Dig. Kids will unearth more than dirt as they dig up exciting evidence that proves biblical events were not just stories. As junior archaeologists, kids will explore real-life archaeological finds that have helped to uncover the truth about Jesus! Along the way, they'll discover the truth of Jeremiah 29:13, that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search for Him with all our hearts.

Plan for VBS now!



Appalachian Church— Ray Taylor Road West Jefferson, NC
Easter Sunday, April 4th 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Service
in the church parking lot. 9 am & 11 am Worship to follow.
All are invited to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus!
Pastor Steve Ashley invites everyone to attend!

Bald Mountain Baptist Church-Bald Mountain Road West Jefferson, NC
Thursday, April 1st will have a Maundy Service at 7:00 pm
Friday & Saturday, April 2nd & 3rd Easter Drive-thru 6:30– 8:30 pm
Discover the passion behind the Easter Story in this family friendly drive-thru!
Easter Sunday, April 4th-Easter Sunrise Service 7am in church parking lot.
Worship Service at 11 am. Pastor, Rev. John Elledge

Buffalo Baptist Church West Jefferson, NC
Sunday, April 4th at 8:00 am will have Easter Sunrise Service at the Buffalo
Community Center in the parking lot. Worship Service at the Church 10:30 am
No Sunday School on Easter Sunday.
Pastor Tom Graybeal invites everyone!

Obids Baptist Church Hwy 163 West Jefferson, NC
Sunday, April 4th 7:00 am—Easter Sunrise Service
Pastor, Rev. Mark Harless & congregation welcomes everyone!

Christian Unity Baptist Church
324 East Main Street Jefferson, NC 28640
Easter Sunday, April 4
Sunrise Service at 7am in the church parking lot
Easter Program at 10:00 am Worship at 11am
Pastor, Rev. Darien South and congregation invite you to attend.



Why is the Food Roundup so vital?

You provide meals and snacks to boys and girls in Baptist Children's Homes' care who often come to us from traumatic situations of abuse and neglect. Many children have gone without eating regularly. Your participation keeps our shelves stocked and children's bellies -- and hearts -- full.

How does my church make an impact?

When children see cars and trucks full of food and necessities pull into our statewide locations, they see God's love in action. Being a part of the Food Roundup is not only about collecting food -- it's about shining the light of Jesus into the darkness boys and girls, many who are unchurched, have endured.



April 2021
bchfoodroundup.org

Call the Ashe Baptist Association Office for more information. 336-846-5631

Spring Cleaning and your Medications

Hello folks,

Spring has sprung. The clocks have been moved forward, the calendar says Spring has arrived, and with all the buds and blooms pushing out in my yard, I believe nature is in agreement.

With Spring come thoughts of refreshing, rebirth and reclaiming. While you are in that mood, Spring cleaning is often on to do lists. However, did you include your medications in that spring cleaning? No, well there is no time like the present. Medications that are out of date or that you no longer use should be disposed of on a regular basis. This includes over the counter and prescription medications.

The following information is from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website at (www.fda.gov)

Is your medicine cabinet full of expired drugs or medications you no longer use?

Your medicine is for you. What's safe for you might be harmful for someone else. The best way to dispose of your expired, unwanted or unused medicines is through a drug take back program or you can do it at home.

Drug Take Back Programs

Many communities also have their own drug take back programs. Check with your local law enforcement officials to find a location near you or with the DEA to find a [DEA-authorized collector in your community](#). You can also check with your pharmacist.

Ellen Reedy,
Ashe Faith Health Connector



Empowering Youth & Families Program

For Middle School Youth and their Caregivers

Is your family ready to become agents of change in the community? Join us for a fun filled program where we focus on community involvement and investing into YOUR families future. This is a great opportunity to protect your family and the community from the consequences of substance misuse!

Register your family today!

Included in registration, free of cost:

- 10 sessions
- Family meal provided at each session
- Training in Community Engagement and Education

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Our first meeting will be April 1st at
6PM at the Ashe Cooperative
Extension Office



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Visit us at opioidpreventionnc.org

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Empowering Youth and Families Program

The Empowering Youth and Families Program (EYFP) is a 10-week educational series that includes Powerful Families (PF) and Powerful Communities (PC). Each session in the series incorporates protective factors as revealed through research on adverse childhood experiences (ACES) and prepares families to be active leaders in opioid misuse prevention within their communities. This spring, Yancey, Montgomery, and Carteret had a total of nine families participate in their EYFP Cohorts. Following the spring Cohort, 48 caregivers and youth and Extension staff from counties, as well as NC State Extension staff, came together for Family Confluence Weekends of family fun and community action planning. Caregivers and their youth from the counties began planning community events to bring attention to the opioid misuse epidemic in the rural populations of North Carolina. Families will partner with Extension Staff and stakeholders in their communities to conduct their planned community events in the upcoming months.



Families have experienced positive impacts from participation in EYFP. Caregivers who participated in the Powerful Communities Curriculum in 2018 and 2019 reported that they were better able to problem solve as a family, were more likely to keep medicines locked up at home, better understood the history of opioid use, and were more confident that they could find local support services for themselves and their children if they needed them. Powerful Families began piloting in September 2019.



To date, EYFP Cohort participants have had a measurable impact on the rural communities in which they live. In Fall 2018, Montgomery County's community event educated approximately 200 people on public health issues, including opioid prevention, at a Fall Festival. In Yancey County, Cooperative Extension staff partnered with a local fall festival during which they were able to have contact with nearly 1,500 people and distribute materials about how to find help in their community for opioid misuse, as well as recruit families to participate in EYFP in spring and fall of 2019.



County Extension staff, caregivers, and youth coordinate with and involve other local agencies in planning for community education and events for support and coordination of care. For example, in Yancey County, support for their community event includes agencies such as local law enforcement, Mountain Community Health Partnership, the Mitchell-Yancey Substance Abuse Task Force, the local school systems, the Opioid Prevention Ecumenical Network, Mayland Community College, and Yancey County government, as well as a wide variety of other health service providers and community networks. Montgomery County will also partner with local health, government, and private agencies, and their mayor is considering a proclamation to declare an Opioid Misuse Prevention Day for their upcoming event. EYFP is building coalitions of resources that impact all families, both those who participate in EYFP directly, and those whom we reach through community outreach.



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Discipleship Tip of the Month

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday has always began the Lenten season for millions of professing Christians around the world. It is marked by a period of self denial leading up to 40 days to the celebration of Easter. Did you or are you giving something up for God? The Bible clearly teaches that grace can never be earned, for it is the “gift of God, not of works.” Ephesians 2:8-9. But we are called to not only give up something for 40 days but I believe it is a reminder that we should dedicate ourselves to 365 days of dedication and discipline. May we during the days of Lent and beyond have worthy goals of a great adventure of walking with Christ each day because of what He has done for us!

Happy Easter!!!!



Behold
the
Lamb of God,
that takes away
the sin
of the
world.

John 1:29

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April

- 1 Campground Opens
- 3 Good Friday– ABA/ARC Offices closed
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 5 Easter Monday– ABA/ARC Offices closed
- 6 ARC Committee Meeting- ABA Office –7pm
- 8 Executive Committee Meeting 7pm Old Fields Baptist



April 2021

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May

- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 9 Mother's Day
- 31 Memorial Day ABA/ARC Offices closed



May 2021

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June

- 20 First Day of Summer
- 21 Father's Day
- June 28-July 2 ABA./ARC Closed for Summer Vacation



June 2021

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